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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections

**Title:** Bruce Woodsworth fonds

**ID:** RBSC-ARC-1631

**Date:** 1936-1939 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 5 cm of textual records

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Bruce Woodsworth was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 24, 1914 to Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) pioneer J.S. Woodsworth and Lucy L. (Lillian) Staples Woodsworth. In 1936, Mr. Woodsworth graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Arts (Hon.) in Geology. From 1936 to 1939, the Anglo-American Exploration Company employed Mr. Woodsworth to work in Northern Rhodesia for the purpose of prospecting, surveying and mapping the area. While in Northern Rhodesia, Mr. Woodsworth engaged in big game shooting which he later wrote of in several articles. In 1939, Mr. Woodsworth began graduate work in both economic and political science at McGill University, and returned to British Columbia in 1940 to take a teachers' training course at UBC, from which he earned an academic certificate. Mr. Woodsworth married Fannie E. J. Williams in Toronto in 1944. An ardent CCF supporter, Bruce Woodsworth first became involved with the party through his father. At the age of 16, before the CCF was even formally founded, Mr. Woodsworth delivered campaign literature for J.S. Woodsworth in Winnipeg North Centre. In 1939, he became a member of the CCF and canvassed for many candidates, took part in CCF clubs, and attended various speeches and conferences that the party promoted.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of correspondence, field circulars, financial records, licenses, a map, and miscellaneous items made or received by Bruce Woodsworth between 1936 and 1939 regarding his employment in Northern Rhodesian and Nyasaland in mining ventures.

## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

### Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

## Access points

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- Anglo-American Exploration Company (subject)

## Series descriptions

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### Correspondence

Date: 1936-1938 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of letters received by Bruce Woodsworth from the Northern Rhodesian government, his employer, co-workers, friends, and family. In addition to this, there are three outgoing letters from Bruce Woodsworth.

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The series has been arranged chronologically.

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-01	File - Correspondence - 1936	1936		
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-02	File - Correspondence - 1937	1937		
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-03	File - Correspondence - 1938	1938		
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-04	File - Correspondence - n.d.	n.d.		

**Field circular**

Date: 1937 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of three field circulars received by Bruce Woodsworth dated 1937; one from the Anglo-American Corporation and the other two from the Rhokan Corporation Limited.

Physical description: 0.25cm of textual records

Arrangement:

The series has been arranged chronologically.

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-05	File - Field circular	1937		

**Finance**

Date: 1936-1939 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of non-native personal tax notices, notice of assessment, income tax receipts, bank credits, notices of posted cash, a hand-written list of expenses, invoices for meal, requisition lists for various companies (one of which has a hand-drawn map on the other side), and an outgoing expense lists from Mr. Woodsworth.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-06	File - Financial documents	1936-1938		
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-07	File - Financial documents	1936-1937		

**License**

Date: 1938 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of an arms license, a special game license, and correspondence returning the game license with provisions.

Physical description: 0.25cm of textual records

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-08	File - Licenses	1938		

**Map**

Date: [1936] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of a hand-drawn map depicting areas 11, 44, and 46 and is dated 14/8/36. However, it appears that the date may have been added at another time.

Physical description: 0.25cm of textual records

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-09	File - Area #11, #44, #46 [Northern Rhodesia 1936]	1936		

**Miscellanea**

Date: 1936 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series consists of a torn piece of paper containing the address of Mrs. Bruce Woodsworth along with a small, hand-written sentence, and a newspaper clipping from an African paper.

Physical description: 0.25cm of textual records

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1631-1-10	File - Miscellanea	1936		